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# Support to Government's lean season response 2022-2023

## Social based cash transfers in Chikwawa

Implementing partner: World Food Programme

Programme period: December 2022 to February 2023

Budget: \$500.000 USD

Location: Chikwawa

**Summary:** In August 2022 the UN Integrated Food Security Phase Classification projected 3.8 million Malawians (20% of the countries population) would suffer acute food insecurity between October 2022 and March 2023.

In response to this, Iceland and Norway jointly pledged \$3.5 million to support WFP to scale up the Government of Malawi's emergency response. The joint support provided critical humanitarian assistance to 270,000 people through cash-based transfers to smallholder farmers in the districts of Balaka and Chikwawa. Iceland's funding went to Chikwawa.

The package of activities implemented with the funding included:

- Cash-based food assistance to prioritised vulnerable households.
- Support to the Government-led in-kind distribution.
- Complementary cash-plus activities to support building household resilience and/or fast-tracking recovery.

